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Birth control

* 456 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to ban the operation method of birth control?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: No, Sir.

Family Planning

* 457 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to popularise Family Planning;

(*b*) the percentage of reduction in birth-rate—

(i) so far achieved; and

(ii) aimed at, at the end of the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to legalise abortion?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House;

(*b*) (i) This has not been assessed;

(ii) No definite target has been fixed for the State. So far as Madras City is concerned, the aim is to reduce the birth-rate which is about 40 per 1,000 to 28 (the highest known European rate) in the next five years.

(*c*) No, Sir.

* 458 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to start a Family Planning Training Centre at Madras; and

(*b*) if so, what contribution and help this Government will get from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) A Training Institute is already functioning at the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras.

(*b*) The Government have sanctioned the upgrading of the Training Institute into a Regional Training Centre on the lines suggested by the Government of India. For this upgraded centre the Government of India have agreed to meet all non-recurring expenditure and recurring expenditure on a sliding scale. They have also offered to pay stipends for all trainees and travelling allowance for trainees deputed by other organizations.

Sathanur Project

*460 *Q.*—SRI P. S. SANTHANAM: கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சாத்தனூர் நீர்த்தேக்கம் கட்ட மதிப்பிட்டத் தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 587-588 infra.

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(ஆ) பிடித்தத் தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

(இ) குடி தண்ணீர் கஷ்டம் நீக்கவும், பாசன வசதி அளிக்கவும், சாத்தனூர் நீர்த்தேக்கத்திலிருந்து திருவண்ணாமலைக்கு ஒரு கால்வாய் மூலம் தண்ணீர் கொண்டுவர உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

(ஈ) இல்லாவிடில், அப்படிப்பட்ட ஒரு திட்டம் எப்போதாவது யோசனையில் இருந்ததா ?

(உ) அப்படி இருந்திருந்தால், ஏன் அது கைவிடப்பட்டது ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Rs. 289·28 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 234·40 lakhs.

(*c*) No, Sir.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Economy in Government departments

* 461 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the Report of the Special Officer appointed by the Government for examining the methods of effecting economy in Government departments;

(*b*) the departments which were examined;

(*c*) the departments which are yet to be examined;

(*d*) whether the Government have accepted the recommendations; and

(*e*) the amount of savings to the Government thereby?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Almost all the departments have been examined.

(*d*) & (*e*) The recommendations are being examined.

Sri Ramaswamy Mudaliar Choultry.

* 463 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that private buildings have been allowed to be constructed within the compounds of Sri Ramaswamy Mudaliar Choultry opposite to Moore Market in Madras City;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this land was originally alienated by the Government of India on the specific condition that the land has to be used for charitable purposes only; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take against the authorities responsible for the violation of the original terms of the deed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The land was originally granted by this Government to the late Sri Salavai Ramaswamy Mudaliar for running a choultry for use of the railway travellers.

(*c*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.